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**Subject:** OWP topics: for Administrator Visit

Darcy, here are ideas of topics for our five minutes with the Administrator 3/29. Deb asked for an email response or a brief conversation by the end of this week so she can share with Doug and for discussion at SLT Monday.

Drinking Water

- PFAS activities
- Denver Water OCCT
- R8's unique DI responsibilities, and challenges in Indian country

Nutrients

- A strategic priority in OWP as well as OW
- Our strategy; it's designed around meeting states where they're at and want to go
- MT variance as an example

ELMs activity in OWP, despite not yet benefitting from the training and roll-out

- Streamlining NPDES permitting
- Process visuals for UIC permitting
- Acknowledging lengthy delays in UIC Powertech permits (?)

And an optional topic if it's relevant to the tone of the meeting: our work with the MDEQ water division to develop operating principles as an example of cooperative federalism.

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Subject: Administrator Visit

On March 29th SLT will have 30 minutes with Administrator Wheeler. Please be prepared to provide a 5 minute highlight that you think would be of particular interest to the Administrator. He will be spending the afternoon with Denver Water focusing on water issues in the West. Focus areas being explored with Denver Water are watershed projects such as the forest to faucet program or visiting/discussing dams in the downtown area. If you have highlights that tie to water in the west and/or risk communication please give them high consideration.

Please send me an email by the end of the week or drop by to discuss what you would like to highlight. I will provide Doug an update of the collective thinking at Monday's SLT and invite your continued input.

I will also be meeting with the newly formed Risk Communication Advisory Group this week and will share plans for their time with the Administrator.

Thank you for your help making sure the Administrator has a great time visiting R8.

Deb